

Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

City Hall Board Room, 101 Court St, Frederick

August 9, 2011

7:00 pm

Members Present:

Mr. Ray A. Hunter (At-Large Member).
Mr. David P. Kaye, Vice Chair (Life Sciences Industry Member)
Mr. Joseph A. Mangiafico, Sr. (Private-Sector Health Field Member)
Ms. Beth A. Willis, Chair (At-Large Member)
The Honorable Karen Young, Alderman (City Representative and Non-voting Member)
Mr. Peter Herz (At-Large Member)
Dr. F. Alex Hamill, Secretary (At-Large Member)
Mr. Kim Loll (Alternate Committee Member)
Ms. Roxanne Beal (Alternate Member)
The Honorable David gray, Commissioner (County Representative and Non-voting Member)

Members Not Present:

Ms. Cynthia I. Sigler (At-Large Member)

Others Present:

Members of the general public
Ms. Caree Vander Linden (USAMRIID Liaison)

- I. Call to Order:** Ms. Beth Willis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Willis advised the meeting is being televised live.
- II. Roll Call:** Members present introduced themselves.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the July meeting.
- IV. Open Issues (Old Business)**
 - A. Minute taker:** Alex Hamill.
 - B. NIBC meeting September 8:** Meeting will take place at 3pm at Homeland Security Facility. All present noted that they will attend. Caree Vander Linden noted that she will provide directions and parking instructions to those who have signed up to attend. Purpose of the meeting is introductions to the leadership, discussion of our mission, and establishing communication methods. Beth Willis noted that she will be glad to receive suggestions for questions from the attendees prior to the event.
 - C. Report out to public on last information request from USAMRIID:** Beth Willis noted that we have received a response (July 2011) to our follow-up questions from Col. Skvorak. It was noted that this response will be viewable on the Committee Web Site.
 - D. Report out to public on July 25th National Research Council (NRC) meeting on Medical Countermeasures Test and Evaluation (MCT&E) Facility risk assessment process:** The risk assessment draft process document will be released for public comment in Fall, 2011. JoLane

Souris, Assistant Surety Officer U.S. Army Medical Research Materiel Command spoke, noting that the mid-July public information release informed that a new gap analysis will need to be done based on revised scoping of the project & mission requirements. The SSRA won't be complete this fall due to this extension of the process. She noted that the overall process remains the same, but there is need to discuss the new scope & mission requirements.

E. Updated information on regulations re: private BSL-3 labs in Frederick:

The Committee has reviewed and discussed the State of Maryland regulations with regard to possession of Select Agent biological agents. The regulations require a State Registry of all individuals who are authorized to have access to Select Agents. The regulations do not require registry of the companies that have Select Agents, and neither do they require or provide for any State-level inspection. Inspection, certification and authorization is required at the Federal level (CDC, USDA), and the Federal level also maintains and requires the Personnel Reliability Program (USDoD) which requires registry, psychological evaluations, background checks, etc., of any individual with access to Select Agents. The State of Maryland does not appear to regulate BSL-3 laboratories not conducting research with Select Agents. A discussion was held describing that the City of Cambridge has implemented its own ordinance regulating BSL-3 laboratories, including those that work with Select Agents, and also those that do not. Discussion included potential for this kind of regulation being relevant to municipalities in the State that host BSL-3 laboratories. It was noted that the identity of one of the two Frederick County BSL-3 labs outside of Fort Detrick is known, having been released in a newspaper article in 2008 (SRI).

F. Review and approval of the Annual Report Outline:

Committee approved the draft outline with several suggested changes. Hamill volunteered to draft content for Section 6, and Kaye volunteered to draft content for the Executive Summary and the Introduction. Other members will be recruited to draft content by Beth Willis. Karen Young offered to arrange for a briefing for the Mayor and Aldermen on this progress report.

G. Report on the Steam Plant and Incinerator:

David Kaye provided a verbal description of what was seen including his opinion that the operation was impressive and modern. Noted that the five or six 50k gallon holding tanks were fully functional and will become 'stand by' facilities once the new USAMRIID opens. The recycling and waste energy plant and incinerator were also impressive operations with modern processes and safety equipment. David reported that the facility was "state-of-the-art" and made particular mention of the impressive practices they have around recycling everything possible from "popsicle sticks to Styrofoam". It was noted that Pete Hertz will be providing a formal writeup from his extensive notes.

V. New Business

H. Status of public information posting about the NIBC and online mishap information

capability: Caree Vander Linden reported that they wanted to provide the mishap information to the Committee first and then as an organization will figure out how to best post it on the USAMRIID web site. No timeline has been established. Progress on campus website re-design was inquired about and Caree said that there is no timeline yet but it will be happening. A NIBC web site with all post partners will be set up.

I. Change of Command for USAMRIID: September 27th.

J. **New Commander:** It was suggested that the new Garrison Commander be invited to speak at a Committee Meeting.

VI. Public Comment: None.

ACTION ITEMS (OLD AND NEW):

- ☐ – Hamill will prepare and distribute Minutes for comment and update prior to posting.
- ☐ – Caree Vander Linden will be sending information for the Sept 8th NIBC meeting to those who have signed up with Lanessa Hill.
- ☐ – Hamill will draft content for Section 6 of the year-end report.
- ☐ – Kaye will draft content for Sections 1 & 2 of the year-end report.
- ☐ – Willis will request content from other members and write other sections.
- ☐ – Karen Young will brief the Mayor on the year-end report and inquire about possibility of presenting the report at a City workshop in November.
- ☐ Karen Young will bring information about the Cambridge, MA lab ordinance to the August meeting of Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors to discuss its potential applicability to State municipalities that host BSL-3 laboratories.
- ☐ - Pete Herz: prepare a short written report from the tour of the steam sterilization and incineration plant and will include recommendations and questions.
- ☐ – Pete Herz: organize input from the Committee regarding the Excel spreadsheet of suggested FAQs. Generate a sample response and recommend “top ten” questions we should all start with. Committee to provide feedback before September meeting.

VI. Adjournment: Adjourned 8:40pm